

REMARKS

1. Election/Restriction

5 The application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species I, as shown by Figures 3 and 4

Species II, as shown by Figures 6 and 7

10 Species III, as shown by Figure 8

Species IV, as shown by Figure 9

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C.121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted
15 if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claim 1 is generic.

Response:

20 Applicant hereby elects species I (Figs. 3 and 4) in response to the above restriction requirement. The claims readable upon the elected species are claims 1-3, 7, 8, and 18-21. No new claims are added.

2. Request for reconsideration of the restriction requirement per 37
25 **CFR 1.143.**

As the examiner mentioned, claim 1 of the present application is

generic. The generic claim is not only readable upon the elected species (species I), but also readable upon other species (species II, III, and IV) of the present application as well. Therefore, if the generic claim is found to be allowable, the applicant requests that other species be rejoined.

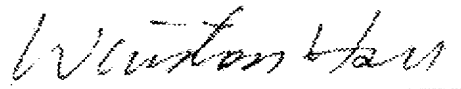
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3. Other matters

Claims 11-17 are readable upon Fig. 10 and withdrawn in this reply. The embodiment as shown in Fig. 10 differs from the embodiment as shown in Figs. 3 and 4 by printing a plurality of test patterns on a single swath of a printing medium. However, Examiner didn't state that claims directed to Fig. 10 belong to patentably distinct species. Since species I has been elected in this reply, the applicant requests claims 11, 12, and 16 be rejoined for prosecution if claims 11, 12, and 16 are not directed to a new patentably distinct species.

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